

tion of the Commissioner, but shall not at any time exceed the aggregate of one thousand acres or be placed in any area other than the one mentioned above.

When and after said markers have been erected the Commissioner shall give notice thereof by advertisement for a period of four weeks in one of the newspapers of Dorchester County, advising and warning the public against the disturbance or removal of said buoys or the trespassing upon the waters of said farm for the purpose of taking or catching oysters or disturbing or interfering with the oysters, shells, cultch, or any equipment used by the Conservation Department for the purpose of experimental work.

161B. For the purpose of operating the experimental farm, provided for in the above section, the Conservation Commissioner is authorized to transplant seed oysters, shells, or cultch; to propagate seed oysters; to protect the catch of young growth of oysters; to conduct any and all experiments in connection with the research work of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and transplant and dispose of any catch of seed oysters or cultch, taken from said farm to other waters of the State to continue such experimental work.

161C. Any person catching or receiving oysters or cultch from said area without permission from the Conservation Commissioner or the director of the laboratory, or any one disturbing or interfering with the markers, buoys or other monuments erected on said area, or with any baskets and other equipment set out in the water for experimental purposes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to the penalty prescribed in Section 156.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact Section 72 of Article 72, title "Oysters," sub-title "Potomac," as same was enacted by Chapter 476 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1927, relating to the seasons for catching oysters in the Potomac River.